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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

ANDO et al.

Group Art Unit: 3679

Application No.: 10/020,514

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For: BOLT TIGHTENING STRUCTURE OF MAGNESIUM ALLOY MEMBER

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 19, 2003

Sir:

Further to the Office Action dated February 18, 2003, May 18, 2003 being a Sunday, the following remarks and amendments are submitted as a full and complete Response thereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A bolt structure for use with a magnesium alloy member, wherein a cationic electrodeposition coating having a film thickness of 15 µm or more is provided at least on the surface of said magnesium alloy member contacting with a bolt head, a powder coating having a film thickness of 40 to 150 µm is provided on the surface of said cationic electrodeposition coating, and an alumite-treated aluminum washer is interposed between said bolt head and said magnesium alloy member, wherein a zinc-nickel plating and then cosmer treatment are carried out on said bolt.

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